

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A wood chip screening method comprising:

separating, in a separating apparatus, pin chips from a quantity of chips that are to be led to a subsequent process;

dosing a desired amount of the separated pin chips at a desired rate of speed among the chips that are to be led to a subsequent process so that a share of dosed pin chips relative to a total amount of chips does not exceed a desired value, while simultaneously directing pin chips in excess of said desired amount to a location different than said chips to be led to a subsequent process

~~wherein, upon being separated from the chips that are to be led to a subsequent process, the desired amount of the separated pin chips is continuously advanced to be dosed among the chips that are to be led to the subsequent process.~~
2. (Previously Presented) A chip screening method as defined in claim 1, wherein a dosing apparatus doses the desired amount of pin chips.

3. (Previously Presented) A chip screening method as defined in claim 1, wherein the desired amount of pin chips dosed among the chips that are to be led to the subsequent process is a function of an amount of chips separated in the separating apparatus.

4. (Currently Amended) A chip screening method as defined in claim 1, wherein the desired amount of pin chips dosed among the chips that are to be led to the subsequent process is a function of an amount of chips fed into the subsequent process.

5. (Previously Presented) A chip screening method as defined in claim 1, comprising leading separated pin chips exceeding the desired amount of pin chips to a remote location.

6. (Currently Amended) A plant for screening wood chips and for subsequently leading chips to a subsequent process comprising:

at least one separating apparatus adapted to separate pin chips from a quantity of chips to be led to a subsequent process; and

a dosing apparatus arranged downstream of the separating apparatus and adapted to ~~continuously advance and~~ dose a desired amount of separated pin chips at a desired rate of speed among the chips that are to be led to the subsequent process upon the pin chips being separated by the separating apparatus, with pin chips in excess of said desired amount

being simultaneously directed to a location different than said chips to be led to a subsequent process.

7. (New) The plant according to claim 6, wherein:

said dosing apparatus comprises a rotatable device having a plurality of sections of adjustable size, and said rotatable device is adapted to adjust at least one of the rate of rotation of said device and the size of said sections to control said desired amount of said pin chips and said desired rate of speed at which they are dosed among the chips that are to be led to the subsequent process.

8. (New) The plant according to claim 6, wherein:

said dosing apparatus comprises at least two conveyors arranged relative to each other such that a desired ratio of the pin chips carried on a first one of said at least two conveyors are diverted and carried by a second one of said at least two conveyors for dosing among the chips that are to be led to a subsequent process.

9. (New) The plant according to claim 8, wherein:

a rate of speed of said second conveyor determines the amount of said pin chips diverted from said first conveyor.

10. (New) The wood chip screening method according to claim 1, wherein:

said separated pin chips are led to a dosing apparatus, and said dosing apparatus comprises a rotatable device having a plurality of sections of adjustable size, and said rotatable device is adapted to adjust at least one of the rate of rotation of said device and the size of said sections to control said desired amount of said pin chips and said desired rate of speed at which they are dosed among the chips that are to be led to the subsequent process.

11. (New) The wood chip screening method according to claim 1, wherein:

said separated pin chips are led to a dosing apparatus, and said dosing apparatus comprises at least two conveyors arranged relative to each other such that a desired ratio of the pin chips carried on a first one of said at least two conveyors are diverted and carried by a second one of said at least two conveyors for dosing among the chips that are to be led to a subsequent process.

12. (New) The wood chip screening method according to claim 11, wherein:

a rate of speed of said second conveyor determines the amount of said pin chips diverted from said first conveyor.